



General Assembly  
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**Proposed Bill No. 306**

LCO No. 2075

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Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:

SEN. FASANO, 34th Dist.

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INDEPENDENT  
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES  
OMBUDSMAN.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in  
General Assembly convened:

That the general statutes be amended to designate an independent ombudsman appointed by the Program and Review & Investigations Committee after a public hearing on qualifications and public testimony. The ombudsman to receive and review complaints and grievances from children under the care and custody of the Department of Children and Families and will serve for a period of two years. The ombudsman shall maintain a record of complaints including the description of any investigation, findings,

recommendations and agency responses that shall be made available to the Program and Review & Investigation Committee and to the public quarterly, and the Child Advocate and, when appropriate. (remove) the Connecticut Juvenile Training School advisory group. The Ombudsman will report directly to Program and Review & Investigations Committee. The public may petition for hearing for removal after a year.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To establish an independent (remove) *Department of Children and Families* ombudsman to give children in the care and custody of the (remove) department State an avenue to have any complaints or grievances heard, reviewed and addressed.